



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Law of the Month

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The Dodge County Sheriff's Office often responds to crashes at 4-way stop intersections. Often there is confusion on which vehicle has right of way at the stop signs. Below is the Wisconsin state statute that clearly explains who has right of way.

346.18 General rules of right-of-way.

General rule at intersections: (1), when two vehicles approach or enter an intersection at approximately the same time, the operator of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right. The operator of any vehicle driving at an unlawful speed forfeits any right-of-way which he or she would otherwise had under this subsection.

Violation of this law carries a fine of \$175.30 and 4 points for first violation and \$213.10 and another 4 points for second violation.

Captain Trace Frost of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office urges all motorists to drive defensively at all times and to obey the above law when stopped at 4-way stop intersections.